

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appln. Serial No. : 10/599,921  
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Entitled : FRACTURE PREDICTION DEVICE FOR SPOT  
WELDED PORTION, METHOD OF THE SAME,  
COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER  
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM  
Group Art Unit : 2123  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

EXAMINER:

This paper is filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 21, 2010 (the "Office Action") for the above-identified application. Initially, please amend the application, and consider the remarks as set forth herein below:

**In The Claims:**

Please amend claims 9-16, and cancel claims 33-36 as provided below in the associated claim listing on separate sheets: